

**Scholarship and Leadership Program
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Thursday, November 9, 2023**

Leadership Development

- *Winter Leadership Institute* will be Monday and Tuesday, December 18-19 **at the Niswonger Foundation Learning Center.**
- **We invite our Board Members to join us for all or part of our training activities.**
- Our discussion will be guided by the book, “*Anyway – The Paradoxical Commandments*”, by Kent M. Keith.

Scholar Updates

- The calendar for 2024 Scholar activities is included as an attachment.
- Scholar News is included.

Alumni Scholar Updates

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- **A holiday reception is being planned for Saturday, December 16, 5:00 p.m., Niswonger Foundation. Please join us.**

NISWONGER ALUMNI SCHOLAR UPDATES

Dr. Jessica Burchette – (Class of 2006) received ETSU’s Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching. This is the highest award given at any university.

Dr. Elizabeth Loy-Gemmer – (Class of 2009) began a one-year fellowship in hospital medicine at University of Colorado Hospital. The program is called Clinical Scholars, and the point is to train people to incorporate clinical trials and studies more effectively in their medical decision making. She works as a hospitalist part time. Once she completes the fellowship, she plans to pursue training in Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine. She and her husband, Tom welcomed their son Charlie in 2021.

Courtney Hill – (Class of 2019) and her husband, Austin, welcomed their daughter on September 28th.

Virginia Pfeifer – (Class of 2007) and her husband Chris welcomed their fourth child recently, a son, Max.

Matthew Sheppard – (Class of 2016) was married to Danielle Riffe on October 21st. They plan to make their home in Bristol, Tennessee.

Aubrie Strange – (Class of 2022) became a member of Birmingham's Rotaract Club in June. She was recently accepted to Rotaract's Board Fellows program. Which means, she will sit as a non-voting "member" of a nonprofit board of directors for the next year. She hopes to gain great insight into the operations of nonprofits.

John Turner – (Class of 2023) accepted a position at Knoxville Chamber of Commerce as Director of Business Attraction.

NISWONGER SCHOLAR NEWS

Sam Hensley – (East Tennessee State University, Senior) was awarded the Dr. Richard W. Kopp Chemistry Education Scholarship by East Tennessee State University's Chemistry Department. He is the Student Government Association's Secretary of the Interior.

Mabel Olson – (Tennessee Technological University, Senior) accepted a position with Eastman Chemical Company in the plant engineering group.